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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/527,646
Applicant : Robert NITSCH et al
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Examiner : Iqbal Hossain Chowdhury

Docket No. : 2958-131
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Confirmation No.: 1021

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 30, 2005

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on December 1, 2005, the applicants hereby elect Group I, namely claims 1-2 and 21, drawn to an isolated polypeptide lipid phosphate phosphatase (LPP).

In response to the Examiner's further restriction requirement, the applicants provisionally select Group (A), the protein of SEQ ID No. 1 or a nucleic acid encoding SEQ ID NO. 1.

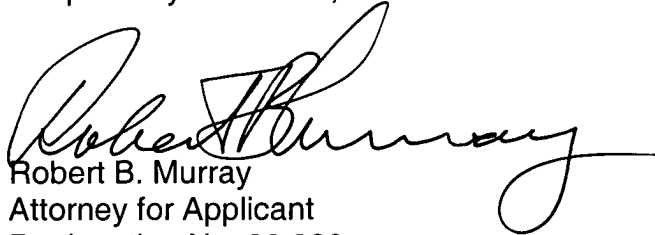
The applicants are unable to traverse this restriction requirement, as the Examiner did not explain why further restriction between Groups A-L was required, and without knowledge of the Examiner's position, the applicants are not in a position to file a meaningful traverse. The Examiner is requested to reconsider this second restriction requirement accordingly. Should the Examiner intend to maintain

the second restriction requirement, then clarification of the reasons why restriction is required is requested.

Early and favorable action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

By

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert B. Murray", written over a horizontal line.

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